

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 14, 2005. Claims 10 to 15 are in the application, of which Claim 10 is the sole remaining independent claim. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his continued indication of allowance of Claims 10 to 15. With respect to the above amendment to Claim 10, this amended language was discussed in a telephone interview with the Examiner on August 11, 2005¹. During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the amended claim language retained the features upon which allowance was based, and would remain in condition for allowance. Based on the Examiner's indication that the above amendment to Claim 10 would not affect allowability, Applicants have cancelled all of the rejected claims.

Claims 1 to 5, 9, 16, 17 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over admitted prior art in view of U.S. Patent 6,108,311 (Ramaswami). Without conceding the correctness of these rejections, Claims 1 to 9 and 16 to 20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, in an effort to obtain an earlier allowance of the subject application and to expedite issuance. It is Applicant's current intention to file a divisional application directed to the substance of these rejected claims. Accordingly this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejections.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

¹The two setting steps have been labeled as "first" and "second" setting steps, respectively, so as to provide good antecedence for dependent Claims 12 and 15 which have been amended correspondingly.

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